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TWO AIKEN COUNTY RESIDENTS SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Danny Lamar Young, age 52 and Brandy Lynn Gregory, age 29 of Aiken County, South Carolina, have been sentenced in federal court in Columbia, South Carolina, for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. Chief United States District Judge Margaret B. Seymour of Columbia sentenced Young to 78 months imprisonment followed by 5 years of supervised release. Gregory was sentence to 63 months imprisonment followed by 3 years of supervised release. Five other defendants, Phillip P. Fitzpatrick, age 28, Shawn Lowman, age 39, Ashley Hair, age 26, Brenda S. Hair, age 52 and Kristie J. Boyd, age 36 were previously

sentenced in connection with this case.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that federal and local law enforcement began investigating a number of individuals who were purchasing a large amount of pseudoephedrine. Based upon pharmacy log books and interviews, they determined that this group worked with each other to purchase the pseudoephedrine which was then “cooked” into methamphetamine. The female members of the group primarily bought the pseudoephedrine and other ingredients which the male members then used to “cook” into methamphetamine. The pseudoephedrine was purchased from pharmacies and other stores in Aiken County and in Augusta, Georgia. For a period of time, this group was “cooking” methamphetamine almost every other day.

The case was investigated by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Aiken County Sheriff’s Department. Assistant United States Attorney William K. Witherspoon of the Columbia office handled the case.

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